(d) Case is yet under investigation with the Police authority.

MSTD facilities in east Godavari District

1589. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of various places in Andhra Pradesh, particularly in West and East Godavari Districts which were given MSTD facility in 1993;

(b) what are the names of places for which the SMTD facility was withdrawn or made in operational;

(c) whether the emphasis will be given to rural areas in Andhra Pradesh in this regard; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to restore MSTD or one way STD facility to such places and raise the level of efficiency and reliability in operation of MSTD facility in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Nil, Sir. All the Manual Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh have been automatised and hence provision of MSTD facility does not arise.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Removal of subsidy on post card

1590. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investigations prove that 65 per cent of post cards are utilised by businessmen for commercial purposes or by people who are comfortably off;

(b) if so, what is the rationality of giving subsidy on post cards;

(c) what is the actual cost of a post card; and the amount of annual loss suffered by Government in this respect;

(d) whether there is any proposal to remove subsidy on post cards; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No Sir.

(b) In view of part (a), reply is not necessary.

(c) Actual cost of a post card is 129.98 paise per unit and the annual loss is Rs. 73.79 crores.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

दिल्ली और बम्बई में एम०टी० एन० एल० में भ्रष्टाचार

1591. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महानगर टेलीफोन निगम बनाने के बाद दिल्ली टेलीफोन एवं बंबई टेलीफोन में भ्रष्टाचार बढ़ा है ;

(ख) अगर हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) महानगर टेलीफोन निगम में व्याप्त भ्रष्टाचार के संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) और (ख) टेलीफोन नेटवर्क और सुविधाओं में पिछले 7 वर्षों में तीव्रता से विस्तार हुआ है और इसके परिणाम स्वरूप सम्भवतः कदाचार के मार्गों में वृद्धि हुई है ।